

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
GAINESVILLE DIVISION

PLAINTIFF A, ET AL.,)
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 VS.)
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RICHARD WAYNE SCHAIR, ET AL.,) DOCKET NUMBER
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 DEFENDANTS.) 2:11-CV-145-WCO
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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
BEFORE THE HONORABLE WILLIAM C. O'KELLEY,
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

APPEARANCES:

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1 (IN GAINESVILLE, HALL COUNTY, GEORGIA, OCTOBER 16, 2012, IN
2 OPEN COURT.)

3 THE COURT: GOOD AFTERNOON. BE SEATED.

4 COURTROOM DEPUTY CLERK: CALLING FOR MOTION HEARING
5 CIVIL ACTION 2:11-CV-145, PLAINTIFF A, ET AL., VERSUS SCHAIR, ET
6 AL. WILL COUNSEL PLEASE STATE THEIR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

7 MR. HARBIN: JOHN HARBIN WITH KING & SPALDING, YOUR
8 HONOR, FOR THE PLAINTIFFS. ALSO WITH ME HERE IS BILL HOFFMAN.
9 AND BEHIND ME ARE KENNETH CARR (PHONETIC) AND ASHA
10 PALMER (PHONETIC), TWO ASSOCIATES ALSO WORKING IN THE CASE.

11 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

12 MR. WOLFE: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. DAVID WOLFE
13 FOR RICK SCHAIR WHO IS THE INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT IN THIS CASE.
14 AND SITTING NEXT TO ME IS JEFFREY CONNELLY WHO IS A GEORGIA
15 STATE GRADUATE WAITING ON HIS BAR RESULTS AND A BIGGER PAYCHECK,
16 I THINK, JUDGE.

17 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. MR. HARBIN, YOU'RE, I BELIEVE,
18 THE MOVANT IN THIS CASE, SO I'LL LET YOU PROCEED.

19 MR. HARBIN: MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT. AGAIN, JOHN
20 HARBIN FOR THE PLAINTIFFS. WE ARE HERE REGARDING INITIALLY
21 PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO LIFT THE STAY THAT HAS BEEN ENTERED IN
22 THIS CASE ALLEGING SEXUAL TRAFFICKING IN VIOLATION OF 18 U.S.C.
23 1591, ET CETERA. THE ALLEGATIONS ARE THAT THE DEFENDANTS UNDER
24 THE GUISE OF OPERATING FISHING TOURS IN THE AMAZONA AREA OF
25 BRAZIL ACTUALLY OPERATED FOR PROFIT SEXUAL TOURISM AND

1 VICTIMIZED WOMEN BELOW THE AGE OF MAJORITY, INCLUDING OUR
2 CLIENTS. THERE WAS AT SOME POINT INDICATIONS OF A CRIMINAL
3 INVESTIGATION IN THE UNITED STATES. THERE'S ALSO EVIDENCE OF AN
4 ONGOING CRIMINAL PROCEEDING IN BRAZIL. BECAUSE OF THAT, A
5 LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO THE DEFENDANTS MOVED FOR A STAY OF
6 THE CASE UNDER SECTION 1595 OF TITLE 18. AND BECAUSE AT THE
7 TIME WE HAD SOME EVIDENCE OF A RELATIVELY AND CURRENT
8 INVESTIGATION OF SOME KIND BY THE FEDERAL -- THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S
9 OFFICE, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, WE DID NOT
10 OPPOSE IT. WE NOTED AT THE TIME WE DID NOT THINK THAT THE
11 BRAZILIAN PROCEEDING WAS RELEVANT. WE BELIEVE AT THIS TIME,
12 YOUR HONOR, THE STAY SHOULD BE LIFTED, AND THERE ARE TWO PRIMARY
13 ISSUES.

14 FIRST, WE BELIEVE THAT THE REASONABLE INDICATIONS ARE THAT
15 THE UNITED STATES INVESTIGATION IS OVER. WE'RE LEFT WITH
16 NOTHING BUT A SURMISE THAT THERE'S AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION
17 THAT -- IN THE KOLBEK CASE WE CITED ANOTHER DISTRICT COURT FOUND
18 WAS TOO WEAK EVIDENCE TO JUSTIFY A STAY. AND SECOND, YOUR
19 HONOR, WE BELIEVED AND STILL AS A MATTER OF LAW THAT THE
20 CRIMINAL PROCEEDING IN BRAZIL IS IRRELEVANT AND DOES NOT JUSTIFY
21 A STAY UNDER THE STATUTE. I'LL TAKE EACH OF THOSE ISSUES IN
22 TURN.

23 REGARDING THE ISSUE OF THE FEDERAL INVESTIGATION, SIMILAR
24 TO THE KOLBEK CASE IN WHICH THE DEFENDANT CITED A TWO-YEAR-OLD
25 QUOTE BY THE U.S. ATTORNEY THAT THERE WAS AN INVESTIGATION AND

1 AN ALLEGED RECENT (VERBATIM) TO THE DECISION IN THAT CASE,
2 RECENT INVESTIGATION OF THE PREMISES BY A FEDERAL AGENT. THEY
3 CLAIMED THERE WAS THE ONGOING CRIMINAL PROCEEDING. IN OUR CASE,
4 YOUR HONOR, THE ONLY EVIDENCE WE HAVE IS LIMITED STEPS TAKEN BY
5 THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TWO AND THREE YEARS AGO. THERE WAS A
6 SUBPOENA ISSUED TWO YEARS AGO. THERE WAS A LETTER TO THE
7 DEFENDANT -- INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT'S THEN EX-WIFE THREE YEARS
8 AGO, AND THERE'S BEEN NOTHING SINCE. THERE IS SIMILAR TO KOLBEK
9 ONLY A SURMISE THAT THERE IS A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING AT THIS TIME.

10 THE COURT: HAVE YOU MADE ANY INQUIRY OF THE U.S.
11 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AS TO WHETHER THEY'RE PURSUING THIS MATTER?

12 MR. HARBIN: YES, WE HAVE, YOUR HONOR. I HAVE
13 REPEATEDLY. I BELIEVE WE NOTED THAT IN ONE OF THE INTERIM
14 REPORTS. WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN ANY RESPONSE. AT ONE POINT WE WERE
15 TOLD LAST YEAR THAT THEY MAY HAVE INFORMATION TO SHARE, AND THEN
16 WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET ANYTHING FURTHER OUT OF THAT. AS
17 YOUR HONOR IS AWARE, I THINK YOU ALLUDED TO IN THE ORDER, IT'S
18 DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHEN A FEDERAL CRIMINAL PROCEEDING ENDS. THEY
19 DON'T NORMALLY MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT. THEY NORMALLY QUIETLY
20 EITHER ARE PUT ON THE SHELF OR PETER OUT. AND TO ALLOW A STAY
21 IN THIS INSTANCE WOULD SERVE, WE BELIEVE, THE PURPOSES OF THE
22 STATUTE, PARTICULARLY THE CIVIL REMEDY THAT IS PROVIDED IN THE
23 STATUTE. WE HAVE WAITED -- YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A YEAR
24 SINCE THE DEFENDANTS MOVED FOR A STAY, AND NOTHING FURTHER HAS
25 HAPPENED.

1 THE COURT: WHAT'S THE STATUTE YOU'RE CITING NOW?

2 MR. HARBIN: 15 -- 18 U.S.C. 1591, ET CETERA. THE
3 STAY, YOUR HONOR, IS IN 18:1595.

4 THE COURT: I BELIEVE IN YOUR BRIEFS YOU CITED AS
5 TITLE 15.

6 MR. HARBIN: OH, I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT MISTAKE, YOUR
7 HONOR.

8 THE COURT: I BELIEVE THAT'S CORRECT.

9 MR. HARBIN: AND IT'S CLEAR, YOUR HONOR, THE STAY
10 PROVISION IS -- THE KOLBEK COURT FOUND THIS IN A MORE RECENT
11 CASE IN JULY WE DISCOVERED WHICH I GAVE A COPY TO MR. WOLFE. HE
12 SAID -- DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL, HE SAID HE HAD ALREADY SEEN. THE
13 LOCUST CASE FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, JULY 17,
14 2012 DECISION, 2012 WESTLAW 2914136, IF I MAY APPROACH, ALSO
15 RECOGNIZES THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE STAY, YOUR HONOR, IS TO
16 PROTECT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO CONDUCT AN EFFECTIVE
17 PROSECUTION AND FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF THE ACT. IT IS NOT, AS
18 THE KOLBEK COURT HELD A COUPLE OF TIMES, IT IS NOT TO PROTECT
19 THE DEFENDANTS AND THE STAY PROVISION IS NOT TO PROTECT THE
20 DEFENDANTS. WHEN THE CIVIL REMEDY WAS INITIALLY PROPOSED BY
21 CONGRESS THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OBJECTED BECAUSE THEY WERE
22 CONCERNED ABOUT THE AFFECT ON CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS. AND THE
23 STAY PROVISION WAS ENACTED TO ASSUAGE THOSE CONCERNS OF THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. IF YOUR HONOR HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT
25 LIFTING THE STAY AT THIS POINT, ONE REMEDY IS TO -- WE WOULD

1 PROPOSE OR SUGGEST IS TO ORDER THAT A STAY BE LIFTED IN 30 DAYS
2 UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTERVENES AND REQUESTS THE
3 STAY BE CONTINUED, AND EITHER THE COURT COULD NOTIFY THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OR DIRECT US TO FURTHER NOTIFY AND SEND A
5 COPY OF THE ORDER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND WE WOULD DO
6 THAT. I SUBMIT THAT THAT'S NOT NEEDED, AGAIN, BECAUSE THE
7 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT KNOWS ABOUT THIS CASE. I'VE COMMUNICATED
8 WITH THE ATTORNEYS WHO WERE INVOLVED. WE SENT OUT THESE -- THE
9 LEAD ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
10 WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THIS LIMITED INVESTIGATION OF TWO OR THREE
11 YEARS AGO. I'VE COMMUNICATED, ALBEIT INFORMALLY, WITH THE U.S.
12 ATTORNEY IN ATLANTA WHO WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN TRAFFICKING
13 ISSUES. SO I THINK THE COURT -- THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE KNOWS
14 ABOUT IT AND THERE'S BEEN NO ATTEMPT TO INTERVENE, WHICH THE
15 KOLBEK COURT SAID IS THE APPROPRIATE CASE FOR ENTERING A STAY,
16 IS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT INTERVENES AND ASKS FOR THE STAY.

17 THE COURT: WELL, NOW, WHAT DO YOU SAY BECAUSE THE
18 DEFENDANT HAS ARGUED IN THE RESPONSE NOT ONLY AGAINST YOU ON THE
19 U.S. -- U.S. DISTRICT COURT PROSECUTION BY THE U.S. ATTORNEY,
20 BUT THE BRAZILIAN PROCEEDINGS? AND I DON'T THINK I MADE ANY
21 DECISION ON THAT INITIALLY.

22 MR. HARBIN: WE SUBMIT, YOUR HONOR, BOTH AS A MATTER
23 OF STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION AND THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY THAT IT'S
24 CLEAR THAT THE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS THAT ARE TALKED ABOUT IN
25 REGARD TO THE STAY PROVISION OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE

1 UNITED STATES, NOT FOREIGN PROCEEDINGS, THAT THOSE ARE
2 IRRELEVANT. IN FACT IF THAT WERE A BASIS FOR STAYING CIVIL
3 CASE -- CIVIL LAWSUITS BY THE VICTIMS, SOME OF THE PURPOSES OF
4 THE STATUTE, THE REMEDIAL PURPOSES, WOULD BE THWARTED. FIRST,
5 YOUR HONOR, I WOULD CITE AGAIN THE PURPOSE -- THE EXPRESSED
6 PURPOSE OF THIS PROVISION -- WELL, THE PURPOSE IS FOUND BY TWO
7 DIFFERENT COURTS AND IS FOUND BY THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY, IS TO
8 PROTECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S ABILITY TO CONDUCT --

9 THE COURT: HAVE YOU GOT A COPY OF ANY OF THE
10 LEGISLATIVE HISTORY?

11 MR. HARBIN: I DO, YOUR HONOR. I HAVE A FULL COPY OF
12 THE RELEVANT PORTIONS WHICH ARE PAGES 16 THROUGH 18. IF I MAY
13 APPROACH?

14 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

15 MR. HARBIN: AND THAT INCLUDES THE LANGUAGE, YOUR
16 HONOR, THAT WAS QUOTED IN KOLBEK AND I BELIEVE THE
17 YONKEST (PHONETIC) CASE ALSO WHERE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
18 EXPRESSES THEIR CONCERN ABOUT AFFECTING OF THEIR INVESTIGATIONS.
19 AND I WOULD -- ANOTHER -- YOU KNOW, THE DEFENDANTS FOCUSES ON
20 THE WORD "ANY," BUT WHAT "ANY" IS MODIFYING IS CRIMINAL
21 PROCEEDINGS. AND I SUBMIT THAT WHAT IS BEING DISCUSSED AND
22 CONTEMPLATED IN THE STATUTE IS CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE
23 UNITED STATES. WE DID NOT BRIEF THIS, BUT I FOUND, YOUR HONOR,
24 THERE IS VERY SIMILAR LANGUAGE USED IN 18 U.S.C. 3509, WHICH, AS
25 THE COURT IS PROBABLY FAMILIAR, DEALS WITH THE RIGHTS OF CHILD

1 VICTIMS OF FEDERAL CRIMES AND -- WELL, JUST CHILD VICTIMS IN
2 GENERAL, HOW THEY'RE HANDLED IN COURT IF THEY TESTIFY, WHAT
3 THEIR RIGHTS ARE. SUB PART K OF 3509 IS A STAY PROVISION FOR
4 CIVIL CASES. AND IT PROVIDES THAT WHEN THERE'S A CIVIL ACTION
5 TO RECOVER FOR THE CHILD VICTIM'S INJURIES ARISING OUT OF THE
6 SAME ACTIONS THAT LEAD TO THE CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, THAT CASE
7 WILL BE STAYED PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEEDING
8 AND THERE WON'T BE ANY REFERENCE TO THE CIVIL CASE IN THE
9 CRIMINAL PROCEEDING. AND THE LAST CLAUSE, THAT THIS STAY WILL
10 LAST UNTIL THE FINAL ADJUDICATION OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEEDING IS
11 IDENTICAL TO THE LAST CLAUSE OF WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH IN
12 SECTION 1595. AND I THINK CLEARLY IN THAT CASE -- SECTION 3509
13 IS CLEARLY DEALING WITH GENERAL FEDERAL CRIMINAL PROCEDURES AND
14 THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN, CHILD VICTIMS IN FEDERAL CRIMINAL
15 PROCEDURE AND JUST NOT AT ALL DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL
16 PROCEEDINGS IN SOME FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

17 YOUR HONOR, WHEN CONGRESS WANTED TO MAKE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR
18 FOREIGN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS, THEY DID SO VERY CAREFULLY, AND
19 THEY DID IN THIS -- THESE AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFICKING --
20 ANTI-TRAFFICKING LEGISLATION, AND THAT IS SPECIFICALLY 18 U.S.C.
21 1596(B), WHICH PROVIDES, QUOTE, NO PROSECUTION MAY BE COMMENCED
22 AGAINST A PERSON UNDER THIS SECTION IF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT IN
23 ACCORDANCE WITH JURISDICTION RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES HAS
24 PROSECUTED OR IS PROSECUTING SUCH PERSON FOR THE CONDUCT
25 CONSTITUTING SUCH OFFENSE EXCEPT UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE

1 ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THEN THEIR
2 DESIGNEE.

3 TWO RELEVANT POINTS, WE SUBMIT, YOUR HONOR, ABOUT THAT
4 LANGUAGE. FIRST, IT SPEAKS OF ACTUAL PROSECUTIONS, NOT, QUOTE,
5 CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AS USED IN 1595. SECOND AND MORE
6 IMPORTANT, IT ONLY APPLIES TO FOREIGN PROSECUTIONS IN ACCORDANCE
7 WITH JURISDICTION RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES. IT IS WELL
8 ESTABLISHED THAT IN TOO MANY COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, YOUR HONOR,
9 CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS ARE A SHAM, THAT CRIMINAL ELEMENTS THAT
10 CAUSE SUCH THINGS AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PROFIT FROM IT CAN
11 INSTITUTE, CAN HAVE INSTITUTED A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING. YOU KNOW,
12 I WOULD ASK -- THIS IS NOT A TRAFFICKING CASE, BUT I WOULD ASK
13 THE COURT TO NOTE THE RECENT CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS IN RUSSIA OF A
14 FEMALE BAND FOR DOING A SATIRICAL CONCERT, ONE SATIRICAL
15 CONCERT, AND SOME OF THEM GOT TIME AND HARD LABOR.

16 WE EVEN PROVIDE SPECIAL IMMIGRATION STATUS, YOUR HONOR, TO
17 TRAFFICKING VICTIMS BECAUSE IT IS WELL KNOWN IN MANY PLACES
18 VICTIMS ARE NOT PROTECTED BY THEIR HOST GOVERNMENT, BUT THEY'RE
19 FURTHER VICTIMIZED. IT WOULD SUBVERT SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
20 PURPOSES OF THESE STATUTES IF THE PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO
21 VICTIMS COULD BE HELD HOSTAGE BY A, QUOTE, CRIMINAL PROCEEDING
22 BEING STARTED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY. AND THAT IS NOT CLEARLY THE
23 COMPILATION OF THE STATUTE. SO FOR THOSE REASONS, YOUR HONOR,
24 WE WOULD ASK THAT THE STAY BE LIFTED, THE ALTERNATIVE OBVIOUSLY
25 IS FURTHER INDEFINITE DELAY. IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT ENOUGH

1 TO CONDUCT DISCOVERY IN THIS INTERNATIONAL CASE INVOLVING PEOPLE
2 IN A VERY, VERY RURAL AREA OF AMAZONA. WE'VE MET WITH THEM, OUR
3 CLIENTS, BUT YOUR HONOR IS WELL AWARE. I DON'T NEED TO BELABOR
4 THE POINT ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THAT RESULT FROM LOST MEMORY AND
5 LOST DOCUMENTS AND COMPUTER RECORDS WHEN THERE IS A CONTINUING
6 DELAY IN CIVIL LITIGATION. SO WE WOULD ASK THAT THE COURT LIFT
7 THE STAY AND ALLOW THE CASE TO PROCEED. THANK YOU.

8 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. MR. WOLFE.

9 MR. WOLFE: GOOD DAY, JUDGE. DO YOU MIND IF I SPEAK
10 FROM HERE, SIR?

11 THE COURT: I THINK THE COURT REPORTER WOULD PROBABLY
12 ENJOY, APPRECIATE IT MORE IF YOU WOULD USE THE LECTERN.

13 MR. WOLFE: ALL RIGHT.

14 THE COURT: I DON'T -- SOMETIMES YOU OPERATE ALL RIGHT
15 FROM THAT MIC AT THE TABLE, BUT IT'S BETTER THERE.

16 MR. WOLFE: I UNDERSTAND, JUDGE. THANK YOU. JUDGE,
17 THIS COURT ENTERED AN ORDER STAYING THIS PROSECUTION BECAUSE OF
18 THE EVIDENCE PRODUCED BY MR. SCHAIR WHICH UNTIL, LIKE THE
19 EVIDENCE PRODUCED IN KOLBEK, WAS NOT MERE SURMISE OR SPECULATION
20 THAT A PROSECUTION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
21 STATES OUT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA MAY HAVE BEEN
22 ONGOING IN THE UNITED STATES. THE EVIDENCE THAT MR. SCHAIR
23 PRODUCED WAS A GRAND JURY SUBPOENA TO CO-DEFENDANT WET-A-LINE,
24 L.L.C. REFLECTING SPECIFICALLY THAT THERE WAS AN ONGOING
25 INVESTIGATION. SECONDLY, WHAT I THINK WAS INCLUDED --

1 THE COURT: WHAT WAS THE DATE OF THAT?

2 MR. WOLFE: IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO, JUDGE.

3 THE COURT: WELL, THE SAME PROSECUTION COULDN'T BE
4 ONGOING TODAY. FEDERAL GRAND JURY IS LIMITED TO 18 MONTHS.

5 MR. WOLFE: WELL, IT COULDN'T BE ONGOING TODAY WITH
6 THE SAME GRAND JURY. CERTAINLY INVESTIGATIONS CAN GO ON WHEN
7 THEY IMPANEL ANOTHER GRAND JURY.

8 THE COURT: I SAID WITH THAT GRAND JURY.

9 MR. WOLFE: SURE. AND I AGREE WITH YOU, YES, SIR.
10 THAT'S CORRECT. MORE IMPORTANTLY THERE WAS ALSO A LETTER, NOT
11 A -- NOT A TARGET LETTER, BUT A LETTER SENT TO MR. SCHAIR'S WIFE
12 THAT WAS SUBMITTED IN EVIDENCE FROM THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S
13 OFFICE ASKING HER TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION AND ASKING HER
14 TO SUBJECT HERSELF TO INTERVIEWS BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF
15 INVESTIGATION. SO THERE WAS AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION AND THE
16 COURT FOUND THAT THERE WAS OUT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
17 FLORIDA. AS THE COURT KNOWS, WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH THE
18 UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND I RUN INTO THIS QUITE
19 FREQUENTLY DOING CRIMINAL DEFENSE WORK, I'LL CALL THE U.S.
20 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND SAY, HEY, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S AN
21 ONGOING INVESTIGATION INTO MY CLIENT, HYPOTHETICALLY MR. SCHAIR,
22 AND THEY'LL SAY, SORRY, I CAN NEITHER CONFIRM OR DENY WHETHER OR
23 NOT THERE'S A GRAND JURY GOING ON BECAUSE IT'S SECRET.
24 MR. HARBIN JUST SAID TO THE COURT THAT SIX MONTHS AGO HE
25 CONTACTED THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THEY TOLD HIM THAT

1 THERE MIGHT BE SOME MOVEMENT WITH REGARD TO A RESOLUTION OF THE
2 CASE SOON WHICH SUGGESTS TO ME THAT THAT CASE IS STILL ONGOING.
3 MORE IMPORTANTLY, MR. HARBIN POINTS OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT
4 RARELY SHELVES AN INVESTIGATION AND MAKES AN ANNOUNCEMENT WITH
5 REGARD TO IT. HOWEVER, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT CEASES TO BE ENGAGED
6 IN A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION, THEY ARE FREE TO COMMUNICATE TO
7 THE PUBLIC OR TO ANY INQUIRIES WHETHER OR NOT THE INVESTIGATION
8 IS STILL GOING ON AND THEY CAN SAY, NO, THAT IT IS NOT.

9 SO NOW WHEN WE GO TO SECTION 1595, AS I SET OUT IN MY
10 BRIEF, THE STAY PROVISION IS WITH REGARD TO ANY CRIMINAL
11 INVESTIGATION OR ANY CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, AND THERE IS NO
12 LIMITATION. SOME OF THE OTHER LANGUAGE IN THE PRECEDING CODE
13 SECTIONS 1591, 1590, AND SO FORTH, DO SAY IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
14 AND DO ALLUDE SPECIFICALLY TO ONGOING COURT PROCEEDINGS IN THE
15 UNITED STATES. THE 1595 SPECIFICALLY SAYS, ANY CRIMINAL
16 PROSECUTION.

17 NOW, MR. HARBIN HAS SUGGESTED TO YOU THAT THE TRAFFICKING
18 VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT, AND THAT'S WHAT HE CITES TO IN HIS
19 BRIEF, LACKS MENTION OF ANY CONCERN ABOUT FOREIGN PROSECUTIONS
20 OR FOREIGN GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO ADDRESS TRAFFICKING. AND
21 THAT MAY HAVE BEEN THE CASE IN 2003 WHEN THE TRAFFICKING VICTIMS
22 PROTECTION ACT WAS AMENDED. THE ACT WAS INITIALLY ENACTED IN
23 2000. IT WAS AMENDED IN 2003. HOWEVER, IN 2008, JUDGE, THE ACT
24 WAS REAUTHORIZED. IT WAS COMPLETELY REVISED, AND NOW IN FACT
25 IT'S CALLED THE T.V.P.R.A., TRAFFICKING VICTIM -- VICTIMS

1 PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008 WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT, I
2 THINK, DECEMBER 23RD, 2008, AND ESSENTIALLY BECAME THE LAW OF
3 THE LAND IN JANUARY OF 2009. WHAT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT WITH
4 REGARD TO THE ACT IS AT SECTION 103. AND IF I MAY, I HAVE A
5 COPY OF THE ACT FOR THE COURT. IT IS THE WILLIAM WILLBERFORCE
6 TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008, IF I
7 MAY.

8 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

9 MR. HARBIN: I WOULD DIRECT THE COURT'S ATTENTION
10 SPECIFICALLY TO SECTION 103 WHICH IS REFLECTED ON THE COVER
11 SHEET OF THE ACT RIGHT UNDER 101 AND 102. AND SECTION 103 OF
12 THE ACT ADDRESSES SPECIFICALLY PREVENTION AND PROSECUTION OF
13 TRAFFICKING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. THAT'S ON THE COVER SHEET,
14 JUDGE, ON THE VERY, VERY FIRST PAGE IF YOU GO RIGHT BELOW WHERE
15 IT SAYS 22 U.S.C. A7101 NOTE.

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

17 MR. WOLFE: AND, JUDGE, WHAT THE ACT OF 2008
18 SPECIFICALLY DOES IS STRENGTHENS THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED
19 STATES GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE PRESIDENT TO ASSIST OTHER
20 COUNTRIES IN, AND IT REFERS US TO ACT SECTION 103. 22 UNITED
21 STATES CODE ANNOTATED 2152(D), WHICH TELLS US THAT THE ACT
22 AMENDS SECTION 2152 OF TITLE 22 -- AND THAT'S ON PAGE FOUR, BY
23 THE WAY, OF THE DOCUMENT THAT I JUST HANDED YOU -- IT SAYS THAT
24 THEY ARE GOING TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT, THE
25 TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008, TO

1 INCLUDE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IN ADDITION TO JUST PEOPLE THAT ARE
2 DOING TRAFFICKING, IT INCLUDES FOR THE FIRST TIME INCLUDING
3 INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES THAT MAY BE INVOLVED
4 IN TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS INVOLVING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. IF YOU
5 GO TO 22 U.S.C.A. 2152(D), YOUR HONOR -- AND I HAVE A COPY OF
6 THAT FOR THE COURT ALSO -- YOU CAN SEE THAT THE AMENDMENT --
7 WELL, THE ENTIRE CODE SECTION, FOR THAT MATTER, ALLOWS THAT THE
8 PRESIDENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN
9 COUNTRIES DIRECTLY DESIGNED TO MEET THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR
10 THE ELIMINATION OF TRAFFICKING INCLUDING, AND PARAGRAPH ONE
11 SAYS, THE DRAFTING OF LAWS TO PROHIBIT AND PUNISH ACTS OF
12 TRAFFICKING. OBVIOUSLY THAT ASPECT OF THE CODE SECTION MEANS
13 THERE IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS. AND, (B), THAT THE INVESTIGATION
14 AND PROSECUTION OF TRAFFICKERS INCLUDE PEOPLE THAT BENEFIT FROM
15 IT. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE COMMA AFTER TRAFFICKERS IN PARAGRAPH
16 TWO BEGINNING WITH INCLUDING, THAT'S THE AMENDMENT THAT CAME
17 DIRECTLY FROM THE 2008 REAUTHORIZATION OF THE ACT. SO IT WOULD
18 SEEM TO ME BECAUSE CONGRESS HAS ENTITLED SECTION 103, PREVENTION
19 AND PROSECUTION OF TRAFFICKING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, THAT THE
20 LANGUAGE, ANY PROSECUTION, WOULD FALL SQUARELY WITHIN THE
21 LANGUAGE OF 1595 WHICH SAYS THAT MANDATORY STAY MUST BE IMPOSED
22 IF ANY INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION IS ONGOING.

23 INTERESTINGLY, JUDGE, 1596, THE SUBSEQUENT CODE SECTION,
24 SAYS THAT ANY UNITED STATES PROSECUTION MUST ALSO BE STAYED
25 UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF ANY FOREIGN PROSECUTION WITH REGARD TO

1 ALLEGATIONS UNDER THE ACT. SO I WOULD SUBMIT TO YOU THAT
2 FOREIGN PROSECUTIONS ARE WELL CONSIDERED IN THE REVISIONS FROM
3 2008 FORWARD, AND THAT THE PROSECUTION IN BRAZIL THAT WE HAVE
4 DEMONSTRATED TO YOU IS ONGOING BY THE AFFIDAVIT THAT WE FILED
5 FROM MR. SCHAIR'S LAWYER. THAT AFFIDAVIT IS IN -- I MEAN, THAT
6 PROSECUTION IS IN PROGRESS AND IS ONGOING THROUGH 2012. AND
7 WHERE HE DEMONSTRATED TO YOU WITH OUR EXHIBITS AND WITH THE
8 AFFIDAVIT, WHICH IS UNCONTROVERTED, THAT -- AND I DON'T EVEN
9 THINK MR. -- IF YOU READ MR. HARBIN'S RESPONSE TO OUR MOTION TO
10 STAY, WHICH I UNDERSTAND HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN, IT ACKNOWLEDGES
11 THAT A BRAZILIAN PROSECUTION IS ONGOING IN THE FEDERAL COURT FOR
12 MANAUS, BRAZIL IN THE FOURTH FEDERAL -- IN THE FOURTH FEDERAL
13 CIRCUIT THERE. THEY ARE JUST SAYING IT DOESN'T COUNT BECAUSE IT
14 WASN'T CONTEMPLATED BY THE PLAIN LANGUAGE IN 1595 THAT SAYS, ANY
15 CIVIL PROSECUTION WILL BE STAYED DURING THE PENDENCY OF ANY
16 CRIMINAL ACTION. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE, JUDGE, THAT THE
17 ENACTMENT OF THE CIVIL STATUTE WHICH Allows FOR THE CIVIL
18 PROSECUTION HERE -- I DON'T KNOW THAT MR. SCHAIR OR HIS COMPANY
19 IS SUBJECT TO THAT CODE SECTION, BUT EVEN IF IT IS, YOU HAVE TO
20 NOTE, JUDGE, THAT THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THAT CODE
21 SECTION SPECIFICALLY CONTEMPLATES HOW LONG IT TAKES TO PROSECUTE
22 A CRIMINAL CASE HERE AND/OR IN BRAZIL AS THE STATUTE OF
23 LIMITATIONS TO BRING THE ACTION IS TEN YEARS.

24 SO ONE LAST THING I WANT TO POINT OUT TO YOU IN THAT REGARD
25 WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUE OF A STAY, AND THAT IS IN THE ARA CASE

1 WHICH WAS CITED BY KOLBEK AND WAS CITED BY MR. HARBIN IN HIS
2 MOTION TO LIFT THE STAY, THE JUDGE SAYS SPECIFICALLY THAT WITH
3 REGARD TO A STAY OF A CRIMINAL CASE -- I MEAN, OF A CIVIL
4 PROSECUTION, THAT THE STAY CAN BE INDEFINITELY AND CAN BE
5 PERMANENT, AND THAT'S WHY THE IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC
6 EVIDENCE WITH REGARD TO AN ONGOING PROSECUTION IS NECESSARY.
7 CERTAINLY IT'S PRETTY EASY IN THE KOLBEK CASE AND IN THE ARA
8 CASE TO DETERMINE THAT IF IN FACT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMES
9 IN AND SAYS, YOUR HONOR, WE'D LIKE TO INTERVENE AND STOP THIS
10 CIVIL ACTION BECAUSE WE HAVE AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION, THAT AN
11 INVESTIGATION IS GOING ON. BUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT AND WHAT I
12 THINK, IF I'M -- IF MY READING OF THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF
13 1595 IS CORRECT, THE THING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH
14 THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, WHAT THEY OBJECTED TO WAS THE FACT THAT
15 PEOPLE WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO BRING CIVIL ACTIONS IN THIS
16 COUNTRY FOR CONDUCT THAT OCCURRED WITH REGARD TO SEX TRAFFICKING
17 OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING. AND WHAT THEY OBJECTED TO WAS CIVIL
18 DISCOVERY WHILE THERE WAS AN ONGOING PROSECUTION.

19 SO IT WAS THE VERY ACT OF A CIVIL ACTION -- THE POTENTIAL
20 FOR A CIVIL ACTION THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OBJECTED TO
21 BECAUSE THEY SAID, WOW, THAT'S GOING TO GIVE THEM INFORMATION
22 THEY'RE NOT OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO UNDER THE FEDERAL RULES OF
23 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE THROUGH INTERROGATORIES, DEPOSITIONS, AND
24 THOSE SORTS OF THINGS. SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO PASS THAT CODE
25 SECTION AND ALLOW CIVIL LITIGATION, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO

1 PROVIDE FOR A STAY UNTIL ANY CRIMINAL PROSECUTION HAS CONCLUDED
2 BEFORE -- BEFORE THAT MATTER IS ALLOWED TO MOVE FORWARD. AND
3 CERTAINLY IT'S EASIER FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO STEP IN AND PROVE IT
4 THAN IT IS FOR SOMEBODY LIKE MR. KOLBEK WHO SAID HE HEARD
5 SOMETHING OR HE HEARD A PROSECUTOR SAY, AS OPPOSED TO MR. SCHAIR
6 WHO'S PRESENTED DIRECT EVIDENCE OF A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION,
7 WHICH APPARENTLY MR. HARBIN CORROBORATED WITHIN THE PAST SIX
8 MONTHS AS THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY SAID, WE SHOULD BE COMING
9 TO A -- WE SHOULD GET SOME MOVEMENT ON THAT, YOU KNOW, SOON. SO
10 I DO THINK THAT THINGS ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE SOUTHERN
11 DISTRICT OF FLORIDA. BUT EVEN IF THEY'RE NOT, THERE'S NO
12 CONTEST THAT A PROSECUTION IS ONGOING IN BRAZIL, WHICH WAS
13 SPECIFICALLY CONTEMPLATED BY THE TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION
14 REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008.

15 IT IS INTERESTING AND I DO WANT TO SHARE ONE THING WITH
16 YOU. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE NO LIMITATIONS ON THE MANDATORY STAY
17 OR THE BASIS FOR IT IN 1595 OTHER THAN THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY.
18 BUT I DO WANT TO POINT OUT TO YOU, JUDGE, THAT THERE'S A SIMILAR
19 STATUTE WITH REGARD TO FORFEITURE ACTIONS WHILE A CRIMINAL CASE
20 IS ONGOING. IT'S 18 U.S.C. 981(G)I AND II. AND THE INTERESTING
21 THING ABOUT THAT CODE SECTION IS THAT IT LAYS OUT SPECIFICALLY
22 WHEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CAN MOVE FOR A STAY AND UNDER
23 WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES, AND IT LAYS OUT SPECIFICALLY WHEN THE
24 DEFENDANT CAN MOVE FOR A STAY AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES. AND
25 WHAT'S IMPORTANT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, BECAUSE I'VE ENCOUNTERED

1 IT AS A CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYER WITH REGARD TO G(II), IS THAT IT
2 ADDRESSES SPECIFICALLY THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS
3 THAT COULD BE INFRINGED UPON OF SOMEBODY SUSPECTED OF CRIMINAL
4 ACTIVITY AND SOMEBODY WHO MAY BE INDICTED IN A CRIMINAL CASE, A
5 LA, THE FIFTH AMENDMENT, THE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE, THE
6 FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT AND THOSE SORT OF THINGS. SO I SUBMIT TO
7 YOU THAT THAT'S ANOTHER CODE SECTION THAT DEALS WITH ESSENTIALLY
8 THE EXACT SAME THING, A STAY OF A CIVIL LITIGATION, BUT IT'S
9 MUCH, MUCH, MUCH MORE SPECIFIC. BUT IT DEMONSTRATES CLEARLY
10 THAT CONGRESS CONTEMPLATED NOT ONLY THE RIGHTS OF THE GOVERNMENT
11 IN IMPOSING A STAY, IT ALSO CONTEMPLATES THE INFRINGEMENT ON THE
12 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF A CRIMINAL DEFENDANT THAT MIGHT BE
13 IMPUGNED SHOULD A CIVIL LITIGATION GO FORWARD.

14 SO FOR ALL THOSE REASONS, JUDGE, I SUBMIT TO YOU THAT THERE
15 IS AN ONGOING CRIMINAL PROSECUTION IN ONE OF TWO LOCATIONS. I
16 HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO OBJECTION, AND I SHARED WITH MR. HARBIN AS --
17 BEFORE THE HEARING BEGAN -- I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE COURT
18 INQUIRING IN CAMERA OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN THE
19 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE
20 INVESTIGATION THAT YOU AND MR. HARBIN AGREED WAS ONGOING HAS
21 CONCLUDED, AND I WOULD ALSO SUBMIT THAT YOUR ORDER WITH REGARD
22 TO THE STAY SUGGESTS THAT IF IN FACT ANYONE BECOMES AWARE OF
23 EVIDENCE THAT A PROSECUTION HAS BEEN TERMINATED OR THAT AN
24 INVESTIGATION HAS CONCLUDED, THEY CAN BRING THAT FORWARD TO THE
25 COURT AND YOU'LL RECONSIDER THE STAY. I THINK THAT WAS DIRECTED

1 AT THE PLAINTIFF, AND THE PLAINTIFF HAS OFFERED NO SUCH EVIDENCE
2 TO THE COURT. THANK YOU.

3 MR. HARBIN: YOUR HONOR, A FEW POINTS UNLESS YOUR
4 HONOR HAS ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. THIS -- FIRST TO DEAL WITH
5 THE LAST POINTS, THIS -- THE PURPOSE OF THIS STATUTE WAS CLEARLY
6 THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY TO PROTECT THE ABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT
7 TO PROSECUTE, NOT TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE DEFENDANTS, AND
8 THAT'S WHAT THE KOLBEK COURT FOUND. AND IT WASN'T TO PROTECT
9 THE FOREIGN PROSECUTIONS. IT WAS CLEARLY THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 JUSTICE EXPRESSING CONCERNS ABOUT THEIR ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH
11 THE ACTS OF THE STATUTE WOULD INCLUDE PROTECTING THE VICTIMS AND
12 ENFORCING U.S. CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS WHEN THERE HAVE BEEN
13 CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS.

14 THE COURT: LET ME ASK YOU IN THAT REGARD WHEN WAS THE
15 LAST COMMUNICATION YOU HAD WITH THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN
16 THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA?

17 MR. HARBIN: YOUR HONOR, I TRIED TO NAIL THAT DOWN
18 BEFORE THE HEARING. I DON'T HAVE IT EXACTLY. I'VE HAD -- WELL,
19 I'VE E-MAILED THE U.S. ATTORNEY -- ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY WHO
20 WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHATEVER PROCEEDING -- INVESTIGATION THEY
21 WERE DOING A FEW YEARS AGO AT LEAST FOUR, IF NOT FIVE OR SIX
22 TIMES. I THINK I'VE HAD TWO RESPONSES FROM HIM. THE LAST
23 RESPONSE I GOT WAS IN 2011, AND THEY NEVER SAID ANYTHING TO THE
24 EFFECT TO INDICATE THERE WAS AN ONGOING GRAND JURY
25 INVESTIGATION, MUCH LESS AN EXISTING OR ONGOING -- THEN ONGOING

1 PROCEEDING OR INVESTIGATION OF ANY KIND. THEY SAID, WE MAY BE
2 IN A POSITION TO TELL YOU SOMETHING IN THE FUTURE. I MEAN,
3 THEIR GENERAL ANSWER IS, WE'RE NOT GOING TO TELL YOU ANYTHING,
4 AS MR. WOLFE HAS EXPERIENCED, AS THE COURT I'M SURE HAS
5 EXPERIENCED HUNDREDS OF TIMES. THEY DON'T TELL PEOPLE WHEN
6 THEIR INVESTIGATIONS ARE PRACTICALLY OR EITHER OFFICIALLY
7 CLOSED. AND THAT'S ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WE HAD IS GENERALLY
8 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS ARE UNOFFICIALLY CLOSED. I MEAN,
9 SOMETHING COULD COME UP IN OUR CASE THAT COULD REOPEN AN
10 INVESTIGATION, BUT THEY NEVER -- THEY DON'T HAVE AN OFFICIAL
11 ANNOUNCEMENT, THIS INVESTIGATION IS CLOSED. THERE CLEARLY
12 HAS -- WHAT THE CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES HAS BEEN ANOTHER MORE
13 THAN A YEAR HAS PASSED, AND NOTHING ELSE HAS HAPPENED. AND WE
14 HAVE BEEN IN REPEATED CONTACT WITH THEM TRYING TO GET
15 INFORMATION. THEY KNOW THIS CASE IS OUT THERE, AND THEY'VE
16 NEVER SOUGHT TO INTERVENE. SO, AGAIN, I THINK IF YOUR HONOR IS
17 CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER YOU'RE GOING TO IMPACT FEDERAL
18 INVESTIGATION, THE EASY REMEDY IS OUR SUGGESTION OF ORDERING A
19 LIFTING OF THE STAY IN A DATE CERTAIN, SAY, 30 DAYS FROM THE
20 DATE OF THE ORDER WITH EITHER THE COURT OR US BEING DIRECTED TO
21 GIVE NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. BUT, AGAIN, I SUBMIT
22 THAT'S NOT REQUIRED.

23 YOUR HONOR, THE STATUTE THAT THEY REFERRED TO, THE 2008
24 AMENDMENTS, WAS NOT BRIEFED. I DON'T THINK IT'S DIRECTLY
25 RELEVANT, CERTAINLY DIDN'T AMEND THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE

1 CIVIL REMEDIES OR THE STAY OR 1596. WHAT I DO THINK THIS
2 STATUTORY SCHEME IS RELEVANT FOR IS TO SHOW THAT THERE IS AN
3 ONGOING CONCERN BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS
4 NOT SUFFICIENTLY RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONALLY. AND THIS IS AN
5 EFFORT -- WELL, IT SAYS SPECIFICALLY, THE FIRST PROVISION THEY
6 CITED, THE PRESIDENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO
7 FOREIGN COUNTRIES DIRECTLY OR THROUGH NON-GOVERNMENTAL AND
8 MULTI-LATERAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND
9 ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO MEET THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE
10 ELIMINATION OF TRAFFICKING, THE MINIMUM STANDARDS. BECAUSE
11 CLEARLY IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES NOT ENOUGH IS BEING DONE TO FIGHT
12 TRAFFICKING. AND I BELIEVE THIS BILL PROVIDES THAT WHAT FOREIGN
13 GOVERNMENTS ARE DOING OR NOT DOING TO FIGHT TRAFFICKING IS
14 SUPPOSED TO BE PART OF THE FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATION OF THE
15 EXECUTIVE BRANCH THAT PROVIDES FOR INCREASED BORDER EFFORTS BY
16 HOMELAND SECURITY TO HELP VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING, ET CETERA. IT
17 IS THE RECOGNITION THAT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH BEING DONE IN MUCH,
18 AND I WOULD SUBMIT MOST OF THE REST OF THE WORLD, AND WE HAVEN'T
19 GONE INTO THIS. WE WOULD GLAD TO BRIEF IT IF THE COURT'S
20 INTERESTED -- I THINK THAT'S TRUE IN BRAZIL. BUT TO USE THAT
21 CONCERN TO SUPPORT AN ARGUMENT THAT A DISTRICT COURT IN THE U.S.
22 SHOULD STAY A U.S. CIVIL PROCEEDING TO ALLOW SOME INDEFINITE
23 FOREIGN, QUOTE, CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, CLOSED QUOTE, TO CONTINUE
24 IS TOTALLY CONTRARY, I THINK, TO NOT ONLY THE PURPOSE OF THE
25 STATUTE, BUT TO THE IMPORT OF THIS 2008 AMENDMENTS. THERE

1 CLEARLY IS A RECOGNITION -- THAT'S WHY -- THAT IS WHY THE
2 JURISDICTION WAS BROUGHT IN THE FIRST PLACE TO GIVE U.S. COURTS
3 AUTHORITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS A DEFENDANT WHO
4 ALLEGEDLY THAT WHILE IN THE U.S. HAS BEEN OPERATING A FOREIGN
5 BUSINESS, THAT IS WHY COURTS WERE GIVEN EXTRA -- EXTRA
6 TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION TO ENTERTAIN CRIMINAL CASES AND TO
7 PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR THE VICTIMS IN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS BECAUSE
8 NOT ENOUGH IS DONE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. THANK YOU.

9 MR. WOLFE: JUDGE, MAY I SHARE ONE OTHER THING WITH
10 THE COURT? I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT TO YOU THAT THE 2008 ACT
11 WITH REGARD TO SECTION 103 ALSO PRESCRIBES CHANGES TO SECTION
12 134(A)II OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 BY ADDING,
13 INVESTIGATION OF PERSONS OR ENTITIES SUSPECTED OF TRAFFICKING
14 PERSONS FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AS AN AUTHORIZATION -- AND AS AN
15 AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY FOR WHICH THE PRESIDENT MAY AUTHORIZE
16 ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

17 SO I THINK THAT THAT SECTION 103 BY ITS CAPTION ALONE
18 INDICATES THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO HELP FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO
19 WRITE LAWS AND HELP THOSE GOVERNMENTS PROSECUTE THESE CASES.
20 THE AMENDMENT TO THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 EMPHASIZES
21 THAT IT IS ENCOURAGING PROSECUTIONS IN THESE FOREIGN
22 JURISDICTIONS AND IS HELPING IN ANY WAY THEY CAN TO KEEP THEM
23 MOVING FORWARD WITH THEIR EFFORTS.

24 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. I GUESS THE CASE IS RIPE FOR
25 THE COURT. WE'VE GOT SOME STUFF BACKED UP, SO WE HAVE ARGUMENT

1 TIME AVAILABLE, BUT GETTING TO IT OTHERWISE MAY NOT BE QUITE AS
2 QUICK. OH, THERE'S ONE OTHER MATTER, THOUGH. I SEE IT THAT ON
3 THE MOTION LIST THERE'S NOT ONLY THE MOTION TO LIFT THE STAY,
4 THERE'S A MOTION TO SEAL EXHIBITS 1, 2, AND 3 TO THE AFFIDAVIT.
5 I'M NOT SURE THIS SAYS WHOSE AFFIDAVIT.

6 MR. WOLFE: JUDGE, THAT WOULD BE MY MOTION.

7 THE COURT: IT'S YOUR MOTION. THAT'S CORRECT.

8 MR. WOLFE: BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS FROM A
9 COMMUNICATION FROM MR. HARBIN ON MY WAY UP HERE THAT THEY ARE
10 WITHDRAWING THAT MOTION AT THIS TIME RESERVING THE RIGHT TO
11 BRING IT AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE IF THEY SO CHOOSE.

12 THE COURT: WAIT A MINUTE. IT'S YOUR MOTION.

13 MR. WOLFE: WELL, THEIR --

14 MR. HARBIN: WE NOTIFIED MR. WOLFE WE ARE WITHDRAWING
15 OUR OBJECTION AT THIS TIME.

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. HE SAYS YOU WERE WITHDRAWING
17 YOUR MOTION.

18 MR. WOLFE: I BEG YOUR PARDON.

19 THE COURT: IT WASN'T YOUR MOTION.

20 MR. HARBIN: WE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RESERVE THE RIGHT
21 TO COME IN LATER AND SAY THESE DOCUMENTS DON'T MERIT BEING
22 SEALED, BUT WE DON'T OBJECT TO THEM BEING SEALED AT THIS TIME.

23 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. I WILL TAKE THE MATTER UNDER
24 ADVISEMENT AND TRY TO GET AN ORDER OUT IN DUE COURSE. THANK
25 YOU, COUNSEL --

1 MR. WOLFE: THANK YOU, JUDGE.

2 MR. HARBIN: THANK YOU, JUDGE.

3 THE COURT: -- IN TRYING TO ASSIST US A LITTLE BIT.

4 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED.)

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I, MONTRELL VANN, CCR, CSR, RPR, RMR, CRR, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, ATLANTA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING 24 PAGES CONSTITUTE A TRUE TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS HAD BEFORE THE SAID COURT, HELD IN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, IN THE MATTER THEREIN STATED.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HEREBUNTO SET MY HAND ON THIS, THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013.

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